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Appointment of three members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. On 12 April 1999, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 1999, would be called upon to appoint three members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of three members expired on 30 June 1999. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 21 April 1999.

2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.

3. At its first regular session of 1983, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from the three regional groups concerned.

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4. The candidates listed below were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 12 April 1999. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II below.

African States

Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda)

Asian States

Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic)

Western European and other States

Ana Maria Braga da Cruz (Portugal)

Maria Jonas (Austria)*

* Current member of the Board of Trustees through 1999, therefore eligible for a second term.

Annex I

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(11 members; three-year term)

Membership from 1 July 1998

	Term expires on 30 June
Selma Acuner (Turkey)	2000
Esther María Ashton (Bolivia)	2001
Zakia Amara Bouaziz (Tunisia)	2000
Maria Jonas (Austria)*	1999
Noëlie Kangoye (Burkina Faso)*	1999
Mona Chemali Khalaf (Lebanon)*	1999
Morica Nicolai (Romania)	2000
Mamosebi Theresia Pholo (Lesotho)	2001
Glenda P. Simms (Jamaica)	2000
Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines)	2000
Cecilia Valcárcel Alcázar (Spain)	2001

* Retiring member.

Annex II

Biographical information on candidates for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Ana Maria Braga da Cruz (Portugal). Chief Adviser to the Commission for the Equality and Rights of Women, Northern Division, in charge of several functions: developing methodologies for the investigation and implementation of programmes; advising women's groups on questions related to the status of women; developing female-run market-oriented projects in rural areas: providing legal advice and psychological counselling; making contacts with women's groups and associations; coordinating training projects on cooperative and professional capacity-building, on professional management, on marketing of local crafts and on women migrants. Adviser to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on a mission for the organization of women of Mozambique. Adviser to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on a project evaluation mission to Guinea-Bissau and a fact-finding mission to Angola, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Adviser to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on a consultative mission to Cape Verde to create an institute on the status of women, and to the European Anti-Poverty League to assist the Cape Verde Government in a poverty-fighting programme. Trainer in projects dealing with women in rural areas, security, health and social services; involved in the evaluation of projects coordinated by non-governmental organizations, a volunteer telephone counselling service for the prevention of suicide and the organization of seminars and colloquiums. Member of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Branch of the European Anti-Poverty League, the Association of Female Lawyers and the Association of Migrating Women. Founder-President of the Association of Maternal Health and founding member of the Portuguese Association for the Study of Women.

Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic). Current Director of International and Cultural Relations at Damascus University. Has also served as Head of Department of French Language and Literature in the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences at the same university. Has published numerous books and articles on the literary works of Dante, Hugo and Lamartine. Has also done work and published on the art and science of translation.

Maria Jonas (Austria). Member of INSTRAW Board of Trustees since 1996, where she currently serves as Vice-President. Recipient of the "Feminist of the Year" award in 1993 from the Feminist Majority Foundation, United States of America. Was General Secretary for two consecutive periods of Socialist International Women (SIW), an association of women's organizations of social democratic, socialist and Labour parties throughout the world. Cooperated with humanitarian and United Nations agencies. Edited the SIW magazine, wrote numerous articles and held speaking engagements. Initiated and assisted in the creation or revival of women's organizations, and encouraged and fostered the introduction of a quota in SIW member parties. Held numerous positions such as in the International Department of the Social Democratic Party of Austria, in Socialist International Women and in private industry. Involved at the professional and the private level with politics and practical work concerning women, foreign workers and political refugees.

Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda). Deputy Chairperson of the Education Service Commission (ESC) of the Government of Uganda. Has also served as Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Science and Technical Education and of the Chemistry-Education Unit of the School of Education of Makarere University. Has conducted research and

coordinated projects on science, education and gender. Is author of numerous articles and books related to women in management and women's participation in science and technology. Is member of various international and regional bodies, including Education International, Advisory Committee on Regional Cooperation in Africa (BREDA-UNESCO) and Forum for Children's Literacy in Science and Technology (AFCLISTY).